

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)	
POLICE OFFICER VENUS RODRIGUEZ,)	No. 14 PB 2864
STAR No. 12474, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	
CITY OF CHICAGO,)	
RESPONDENT.)	(CR No. 1042668)

ORDER

On May 28, 2014, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Venus Rodriguez, Star No. 12474 (hereinafter referred to as “Respondent”), recommending that the Respondent be suspended from the Chicago Police Department for a period of forty-five (45) days for violating several Rules of Conduct.

On June 17, 2014, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against the Respondent without prejudice because prior to the filing of charges the Respondent elected to file a grievance pursuant to Section 9.6.B. of the Agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 7 and the City of Chicago. The Police Board has considered the Superintendent’s motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Superintendent’s motion is **granted**.

This Order is adopted and entered by a majority of the members of the Police Board: Demetrius E. Carney, Ghian Foreman, William F. Conlon, Rita A. Fry, and Rhoda D. Sweeney.

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DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS
19th DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

Attested by:

/s/ Demetrius E. Carney
President
Police Board

/s/ Max A. Caproni
Executive Director
Police Board

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CHARGES

Police Officer Venus Rodriguez, Star Number 12474, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the date of the alleged violations:

- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance.
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Police Officer Venus Rodriguez, Star Number 12474, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:
 - Count I: On or about December 12, 2010, at approximately 5:00 a.m., in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident and failed to remain at the scene of the accident in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-402, thereby violating any law or ordinance.
 - Count II: On or about December 12, 2010, at approximately 5:00 a.m., in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting in damage to a vehicle and failed to give information and/or render aid in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-403, thereby violating any law or ordinance.
 - Count III: On or about December 12, 2010, at approximately 5:00 a.m., in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Rodriguez caused bodily harm to and/or endangered the safety of David Grijalva, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/12-5, when she fled the scene of a motor vehicle accident, thereby violating any law or ordinance.
 - Count IV: On or about December 12, 2010, while off duty, Officer Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street at approximately 5:00 a.m. and failed to give notice of the accident by the fastest available means of communication to the local police department, in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-407, thereby violating any law or ordinance.
2. Police Officer Venus Rodriguez, Star No. 12474, is charged with violating Rule 2, "Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department," in one or more of the following instances:

- Count I: On or about December 12, 2010, at approximately 5:00 a.m., in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident and failed to remain at the scene of the accident and/or failed to give information and/or render aid, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count II: On or about December 12, 2010, at approximately 5:00 a.m., in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street in Chicago, Illinois, Officer Rodriguez caused bodily harm to and/or endangered the safety of David Grijalva when she fled the scene of a motor vehicle accident, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count III: On or about December 12, 2010, while off duty, Officer Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of 7138 W. 56th Street at approximately 5:00 a.m. and failed to give notice of the accident by the fastest available means of communication to the local police department, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.
- Count IV: On or about June 28, 2012, Officer Rodriguez was found guilty in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, of violating 720 ILCS 5/12-5 (Reckless conduct), thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Venus Rodriguez, Star Number 12474, be suspended for 45 days from the Chicago Police Department.


GARRY F. MCCARTHY
Superintendent of Police

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APPROVED AS TO FORM


RICHARD H. SCHNADIG
Special Assistant Corporation Counsel

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